

Under The Moonlight

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Chapter 1

Saitou is alone and thinking. He picks a rose and holds it in his hand. He smells it and stares off by the training ground. He remembers him and a boy with blue hair and green eyes practicing. Saitou beats him hands down. He looks seriously at the boy. "Now tell me what's bothering you Asume." His monotonic voice seems kind of cold yet caring. Asume smiles and raises his hands playfully in defeat. You can see where he's talking but no words leave his lips. "Leaving? But why? You love it here." Asume looks saddened. The apparition leaves. He looks at the rose again and walks off with it somewhere.

He walks down a long dirt road. He comes across a grave and sticks the rose on it. "The rose is only sweet for so long, then it dies and sends its soul and beauty to the next thing." He quotes. He puts his hand on the headstone. "You died too young my friend. I wish I could see you one last..." He clutches his hands and holds back all his tears. "I shouldn't have let you go... I-I shouldn't have let you die. Asume!" He covers his eyes and tries not to cry but the tears fall. "I remember how dedicated you were to become a samurai... all of you hard work was wasted on the likes of that bastard..."

Someone stops at the grave. They don't say anything at first, Saitou doesn't even notice the person. "E-Excuse me..." The person starts. Saitou turns and looks. A girl with long blue hair and green eyes is holding a bouquet of flowers. "S-Saitou...?" Saitou's eyes widen. He stares at the girl with tears still running down his face.

>"A-Asuke?" A breeze flows by. The girl looks speechless. Saitou runs over to her. She drop the flowers by surprise. He hugs her. "You're alive. After all this time. And a women?" He looks at her up and down.
Asuke blushes. "Y-yes. You see I've always wanted to be a samurai."
>"You don't have to explain your gender to me. Just answer one thing. Why did you fake your death?!" She looks surprised by his question.
"I'm sorry Saitou... My mother got sick and I had to take care of her. I want to come back to the Shinsengumi more than anything. I just don't think they would want me back after leaving, claiming my death, and me being a girl."
>"Then hid it." He holds her warmly. "I want you back. Things haven't been the same... I haven't been the same..." Asuke looks sadly at him.
"Ok... if only they will let me back..."
>"They will. I know they will."
"Saito..." She thinks about it for a while. "Ok. I'll come back. Let me just look more like a man first."

She goes behind the grave as a girl and comes out looking like a man. Saito looks her over. It seems his cold exterior is back. "I think you look better as a women but... anything to get you back in the Shinsengumi." He smiles. "You're hair is longer." She blushes and plays with the long ponytail that stops in the middle of her back.

>"Well it has been two years." She smiles. Saito starts to walk back to Headquarters, then stops and looks.
"I think I always kinda knew you were a girl."

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